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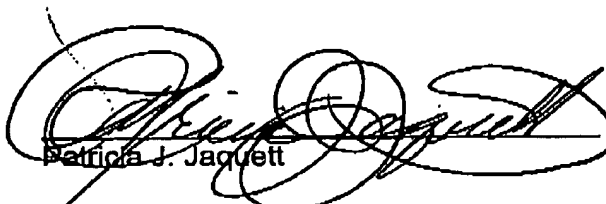
TRANSMITTAL OF REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OA/RESTART OF PERIOD

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed 8 March 2002, Applicant hereby submits the attached paper "REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION AND RESTART OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE IN CORRECTED ACTION" (2 pages) for **FORMAL** filing in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application.

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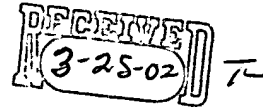
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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION AND
RESTART OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE IN CORRECTED ACTION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

25 March 2002

Sir:

Applicant has received a first Office Action mailed 8 March 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the 8 March 2002 Office Action is defective under MPEP §§707.05 and 707.07 for the following reasons.

In the Office Action, three (3) Forms PTO-1449 listing the art cited in two Information Disclosure Statements timely filed by Applicant in this case have been returned, and all of the references have been initialed to indicate their consideration. However, the 8 March Action rejects the claims pending in this case based on references not cited by Applicant. Moreover, no Form PTO-892 is included with the Office Action, nor copies of any of the references mentioned in the text of the Detailed Action, so there is no way for Applicant to determine, due to what appear to be grammatical errors in the body of the Detailed Action, if there also are further

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references intended to be cited in the 8 March Action but not set forth in the text of the Detailed Action. For example, at line 2 on page 2 of the 8 March Detailed Action, claims are rejected in view of "Morgan (4,992,866)" (no country code given). However, the second line of Item 3 on page 3 reads, "Morgan *et al.* [*sic.*] in view of and Lang [*sic.*]...." There is no "*et al.*" designation of "Morgan" on page 2 as there is on page 3, so as far as Applicant knows, there might be two references to Morgan intended to be cited in the Office Action, a not uncommon occurrence, and the word "and" appearing in front of "Lang" lends itself to speculation as to whether a third reference was intended to be added to the combination of the rejection.

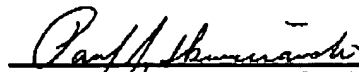
Lastly, because no Form PTO-892 was delivered with the 8 March Action, Applicant has no way of ascertaining all of the art cited by the Examiner in this case.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that a corrected Office Action be mailed with a complete copy of all references of record, and such corrected Office Action restart the period for response thereto.

This Request is timely filed within one (1) month of the mailing date of the Office Action for which correction is requested.

No Petition or fee is required for the filing of this Request.

Respectfully submitted,


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